



invention is not concerned with color. As noted on page 5, lines 7-10, the use of near infrared wave lengths gives a high degree of reflection and provides a more accurate gray scale image and reveals more detail of the object under observation.

The application is for identification of the object itself, not for identification of the color of the object or the color of any part of the object. In order to clarify this distinction, the phrase -- said electronic signal is a video signal for the production of images of said object-- is used in new independent claims 2 and 4 of the application. Thus, it is now clear that the imaging means translates light into an electronic signal that is "a video signal for the production of images" of an object. This clarification is supported in the specification on page 15, lines 5-7 and on page 17, lines 3-4 and 15.

Furthermore, in claim 4, the range of the projecting light has been narrowed to correspond with the preferred range for night vision applications as disclosed in the specification on page 13, line 21.

Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance and requests approval of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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